

Section 6

Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes Involving Teenage Drivers, 2000

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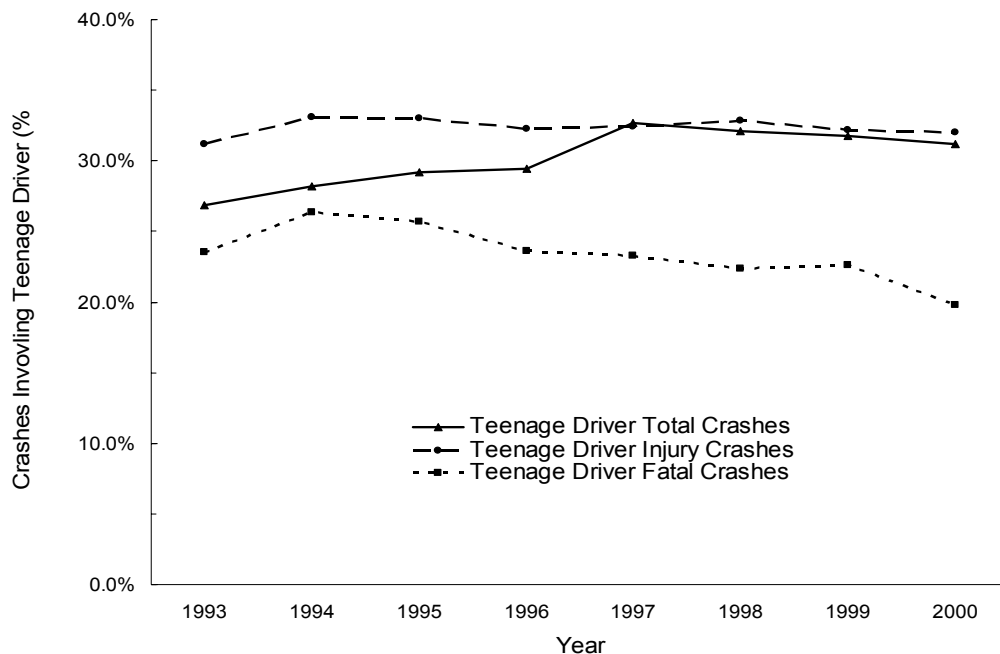
Teenage Driver Crashes 1993 - 2000

Teenage drivers aged 15 to 19 years are a special concern because of their high crash rates and lack of driving experience. Table 6.01 and Figure 6.01 show that approximately one-third of all crashes involved teenage drivers. The largest percentage of crashes involving teenage drivers occurred in 1997, while the largest proportion of injury crashes and fatal crashes occurred in 1994.

Table 6.01 Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 1993 - 2000

Year	Teenage Driver Total Crashes			Teenage Driver Injury Crashes			Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes		
	All Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Injury Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Fatal Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers
1993	55,704	14,972	26.9%	17,088	5,324	31.2%	259	61	23.6%
1994	59,272	16,688	28.2%	18,726	6,197	33.1%	303	80	26.4%
1995	57,644	16,808	29.2%	19,828	6,542	33.0%	284	73	25.7%
1996	61,505	18,100	29.4%	20,988	6,764	32.2%	292	69	23.6%
1997	54,952	17,941	32.6%	21,131	6,851	32.4%	309	72	23.3%
1998	54,072	17,362	32.1%	19,427	6,377	32.8%	308	69	22.4%
1999	52,802	16,759	31.7%	19,513	6,281	32.2%	318	72	22.6%
2000	53,151	16,578	31.2%	19,564	6,263	32.0%	318	63	19.8%

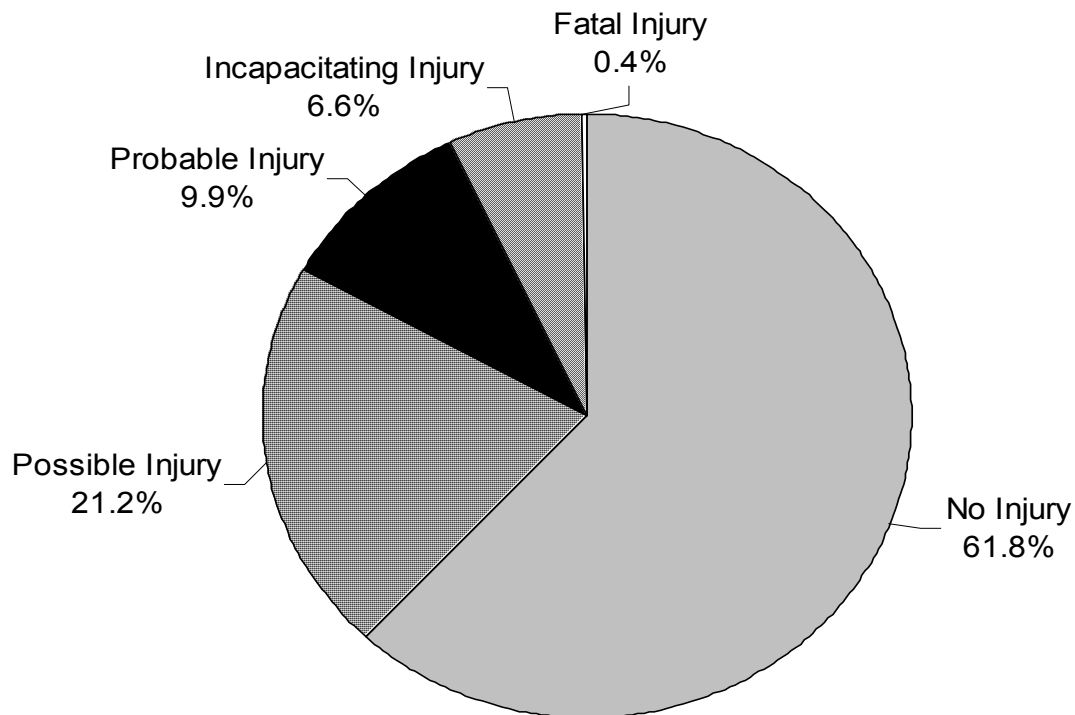
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Teenage Driver Crash Severity

Figure 6.02 shows the crash severity of teenage driver crashes. Similar to all motor vehicle crashes, over one-third (38.1%) of teenage driver crashes resulted in some level of injury. Fatal crashes were lower among teenage driver crashes (0.4%) compared to all motor vehicle crashes at 0.6%.

Figure 6.02 Severity of Teenage Driver Crashes as Reported by Police, Utah 2000 (n=16,578)



Teenage Driver Crashes by County

The number of crashes, the number of teenage driver crashes and the percent of crashes that involved a teenage driver are shown by county in Table 6.02. Washington, Cache, and Davis counties had the highest percentage of crashes that involved a teenage driver. These counties also had the leading percentage of teenage driver injury crashes. Davis and Wayne counties had the largest percentage of fatal crashes that included teenage drivers.

Table 6.02 Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes by County, Utah 2000

County	Teenage Driver Total Crashes			Teenage Driver Injury Crashes			Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes		
	All Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Injury Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers	All Fatal Crashes	Teenage Drivers	Percent Involving Teenage Drivers
Beaver	267	52	19.5%	97	21	21.6%	5	1	20.0%
Box Elder	937	256	27.3%	314	91	29.0%	13	2	15.4%
Cache	1,985	744	37.5%	638	249	39.0%	13	2	15.4%
Carbon	452	127	28.1%	134	43	32.1%	2	0	0.0%
Daggett	44	5	11.4%	11	1	9.1%	0	0	0.0%
Davis	4,669	1,692	36.2%	1,513	561	37.1%	10	5	50.0%
Duchesne	316	82	25.9%	93	34	36.6%	2	0	0.0%
Emery	327	72	22.0%	107	32	29.9%	14	0	0.0%
Garfield	134	16	11.9%	52	9	17.3%	2	0	0.0%
Grand	255	44	17.3%	122	30	24.6%	5	0	0.0%
Iron	864	249	28.8%	322	96	29.8%	9	0	0.0%
Juab	317	70	22.1%	116	31	26.7%	8	1	12.5%
Kane	159	42	26.4%	58	17	29.3%	3	1	33.3%
Millard	437	94	21.5%	141	34	24.1%	9	2	22.2%
Morgan	182	48	26.4%	44	12	27.3%	6	1	16.7%
Piute	45	7	15.6%	7	0	0.0%	1	0	0.0%
Rich	73	19	26.0%	27	9	33.3%	1	0	0.0%
Salt Lake	23,319	6,958	29.8%	9,248	2,791	30.2%	78	16	20.5%
San Juan	324	45	13.9%	94	18	19.1%	10	0	0.0%
Sanpete	392	124	31.6%	139	45	32.4%	7	2	28.6%
Sevier	622	150	24.1%	189	53	28.0%	9	2	22.2%
Summit	883	194	22.0%	226	53	23.5%	7	1	14.3%
Tooele	823	193	23.5%	285	54	18.9%	12	1	8.3%
Uintah	497	161	32.4%	134	48	35.8%	10	3	30.0%
Utah	8,044	2,781	34.6%	3,023	1,061	35.1%	38	8	21.1%
Wasatch	512	125	24.4%	150	46	30.7%	7	2	28.6%
Washington	1,599	609	38.1%	548	213	38.9%	15	5	33.3%
Wayne	90	16	17.8%	32	7	21.9%	2	1	50.0%
Weber	4,583	1,603	35.0%	1,700	604	35.5%	20	7	35.0%
Statewide	53,151	16,578	31.2%	19,564	6,263	32.0%	318	63	19.8%

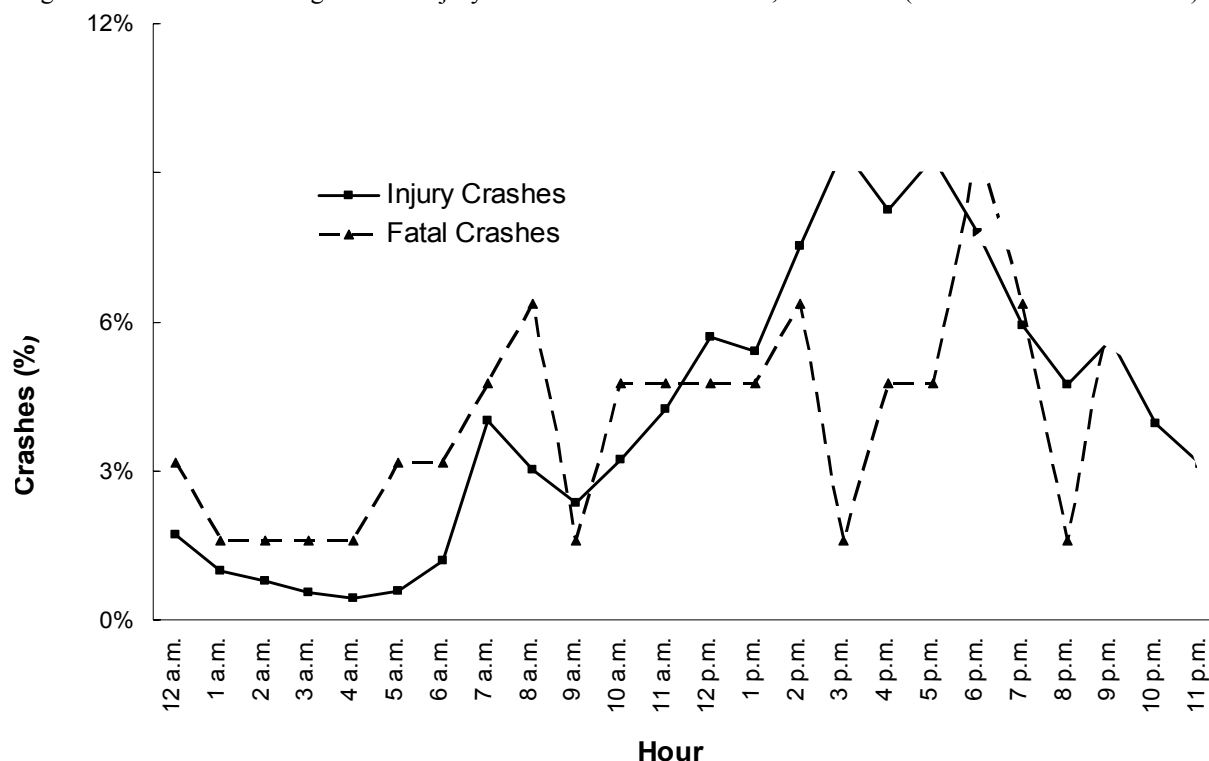
Teenage Driver Crash Times

Table 6.03 and Figure 6.03 show that total crashes involving teenage drivers and injury crashes involving teenage drivers were highest from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (after school hours) with a slight peak at 12 p.m. Fatal teenage driver crashes peaked at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Table 6.03 Hour of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2000

Hour	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
12 a.m.	248	1.5%	108	1.7%	2	3.2%
1 a.m.	154	0.9%	62	1.0%	1	1.6%
2 a.m.	114	0.7%	49	0.8%	1	1.6%
3 a.m.	74	0.4%	35	0.6%	1	1.6%
4 a.m.	66	0.4%	27	0.4%	1	1.6%
5 a.m.	87	0.5%	36	0.6%	2	3.2%
6 a.m.	185	1.1%	75	1.2%	2	3.2%
7 a.m.	845	5.1%	252	4.0%	3	4.8%
8 a.m.	621	3.7%	190	3.0%	4	6.3%
9 a.m.	397	2.4%	148	2.4%	1	1.6%
10 a.m.	535	3.2%	202	3.2%	3	4.8%
11 a.m.	724	4.4%	266	4.2%	3	4.8%
12 p.m.	995	6.0%	357	5.7%	3	4.8%
1 p.m.	865	5.2%	338	5.4%	3	4.8%
2 p.m.	1,297	7.8%	472	7.5%	4	6.3%
3 p.m.	1,532	9.2%	594	9.5%	1	1.6%
4 p.m.	1,418	8.6%	517	8.3%	3	4.8%
5 p.m.	1,583	9.5%	583	9.3%	3	4.8%
6 p.m.	1,294	7.8%	488	7.8%	6	9.5%
7 p.m.	920	5.5%	371	5.9%	4	6.3%
8 p.m.	727	4.4%	296	4.7%	1	1.6%
9 p.m.	787	4.7%	353	5.6%	4	6.3%
10 p.m.	627	3.8%	247	3.9%	5	7.9%
11 p.m.	483	2.9%	197	3.1%	2	3.2%
Grand Total	16,578	100.0%	6,263	100.0%	63	100.0%

Figure 6.03 Hour of Teenage Driver Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2000 (See Table 6.03 for values)



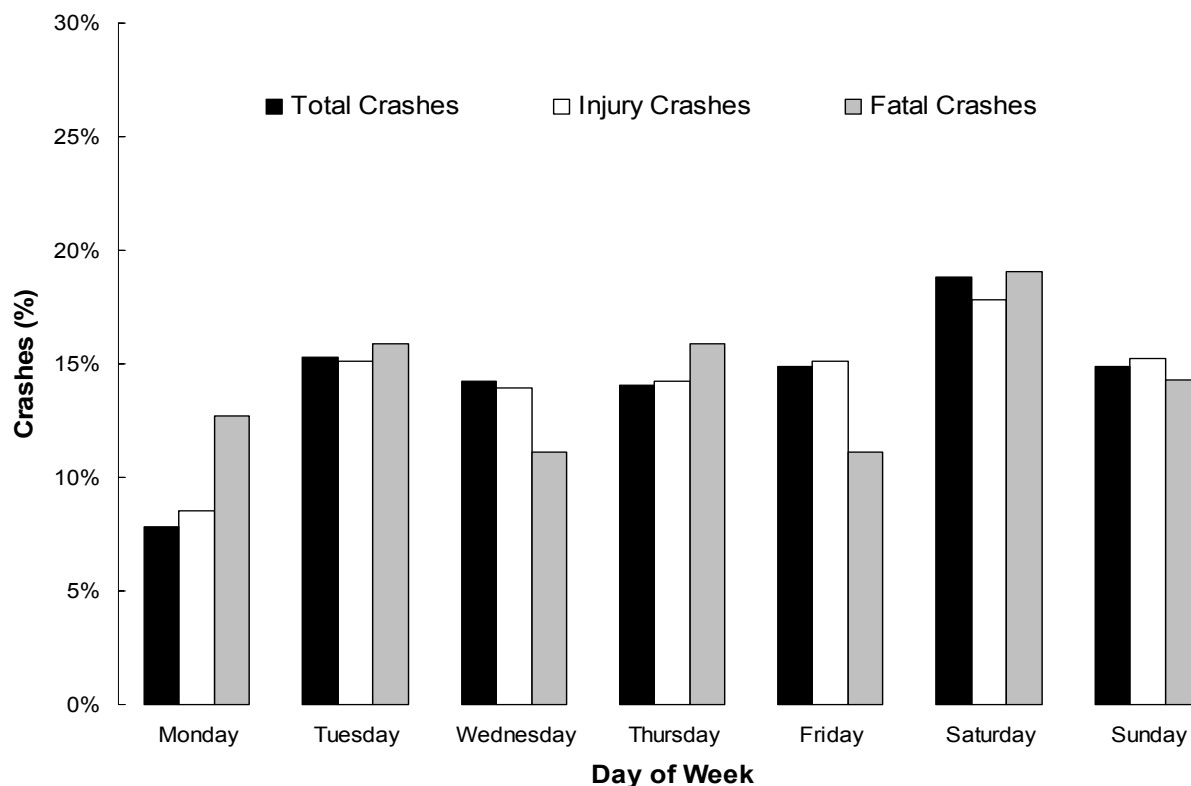
The leading months for total teenage driver crashes were October, December and January (Table 6.04). October, September, and March had the highest rates of teenage driver injury crashes. The highest rate per day of teenage driver fatal crashes occurred in July and April.

Table 6.04 Month of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2000

Month	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	Rate Per Day	#	Rate Per Day	#	Rate Per Day
January	1,458	47.0	507	16.4	7	0.2
February	1,279	45.7	421	15.0	5	0.2
March	1,400	45.2	571	18.4	1	0.0
April	1,269	42.3	485	16.2	8	0.3
May	1,371	44.2	540	17.4	7	0.2
June	1,326	44.2	529	17.6	4	0.1
July	1,348	43.5	521	16.8	11	0.4
August	1,375	44.4	557	18.0	3	0.1
September	1,380	46.0	556	18.5	4	0.1
October	1,507	48.6	602	19.4	6	0.2
November	1,390	46.3	476	15.9	1	0.0
December	1,475	47.6	498	16.1	6	0.2
Grand Total	16,578	45.4	6,263	17.2	63	0.2

The least number of total teenage driver crashes occurred on Monday, and the largest number of total teenage driver crashes occurred on Saturday (Figure 6.04 and Table 6.05). The largest number of injury and fatal teenage driver crashes occurred on Saturday.

Figure 6.04 Day of Week for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2000



Note: The above graph is based on percentages for the different crash categories. To read the above graph, look at one category across the days of the week. For example, look at only the white bars (i.e. injury crashes) from day to day. Do not compare the heights of the different crash categories for a specific day.

Table 6.05 Day of Week for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2000

Day of Week	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Monday	1,293	7.8%	533	8.5%	8	12.7%
Tuesday	2,537	15.3%	948	15.1%	10	15.9%
Wednesday	2,362	14.2%	874	14.0%	7	11.1%
Thursday	2,335	14.1%	893	14.3%	10	15.9%
Friday	2,464	14.9%	945	15.1%	7	11.1%
Saturday	3,119	18.8%	1,117	17.8%	12	19.0%
Sunday	2,468	14.9%	953	15.2%	9	14.3%
Grand Total	16,578	100.0%	6,263	100.0%	63	100.0%

Teenage Driver Crash Violations and Contributing Factors

Almost half (48.9%) of all teenage drivers involved in a crash received a citation for a violation (Table 6.06) which was similar to 53.1% of all drivers involved in a crash. The leading teenage driver citations were "failure to yield right of way", "improper lookout" and "following too close".

Table 6.06 Violations for Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2000

Violation	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Failure to Yield Right of Way	1,887	20.4%	810	22.3%	0	0.0%
Improper Lookout	1,676	18.2%	633	17.4%	1	14.3%
Following Too Close	1,314	14.2%	476	13.1%	0	0.0%
All Other Moving Violations	802	8.7%	328	9.0%	0	0.0%
Speeding	695	7.5%	255	7.0%	1	14.3%
All Other Non-Moving Violations	678	7.3%	262	7.2%	0	0.0%
Red Light	425	4.6%	243	6.7%	0	0.0%
Negligent Collision	414	4.5%	141	3.9%	0	0.0%
Improper Turn	344	3.7%	110	3.0%	0	0.0%
Improper Lane Change	196	2.1%	47	1.3%	0	0.0%
Stop Sign	160	1.7%	84	2.3%	0	0.0%
Reckless Driving	123	1.3%	62	1.7%	1	14.3%
Hit and Run	119	1.3%	39	1.1%	0	0.0%
Driving Under the Influence	106	1.1%	65	1.8%	2	28.6%
Improper Passing	93	1.0%	26	0.7%	0	0.0%
Improper Backing	79	0.9%	9	0.2%	0	0.0%
Wrong Side of Road	71	0.8%	36	1.0%	0	0.0%
Improper Start and Stop	43	0.5%	12	0.3%	0	0.0%
Wrong Way on One Way Street	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Vehicle Homicide	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	28.6%
Grand Total	9,229	100.0%	3,639	100.0%	7	100.0%

Table 6.07 contains the contributing factors for teenage driver crashes. These factors were coded by the scene officers for each vehicle involved in the crash. The officer may record no contributing factor or up to two different contributing factors. The leading factors for total crashes and injury crashes were “improper lookout”, “failed to yield right of way”, “speed too fast” and “following too closely”. “Speed too fast” and “other improper driving” were the leading factors in fatal teenage driver crashes. Less than 2% of teenage driver crashes had contributing factors of “had been drinking”, “under the influence of drugs”, and “DUI”.

Table 6.07 Contributing Factors of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2000

Contributing Factor	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Improper Lookout	4,088	25.9%	1,497	24.6%	8	11.4%
Failed to Yield the Right of Way	2,653	16.8%	1,077	17.7%	4	5.7%
Speed Too Fast	2,146	13.6%	849	13.9%	16	22.9%
Following Too Closely	1,974	12.5%	675	11.1%	0	0.0%
Other Improper Driving	1,411	8.9%	580	9.5%	15	21.4%
Improper Turn	610	3.9%	178	2.9%	1	1.4%
Disregarded Traffic Signal	524	3.3%	297	4.9%	1	1.4%
Drove Left of Center	258	1.6%	114	1.9%	5	7.1%
Improper Overtaking	256	1.6%	76	1.2%	2	2.9%
Asleep	217	1.4%	102	1.7%	3	4.3%
Hit and Run	211	1.3%	56	0.9%	1	1.4%
Non-Contact Vehicle Involved	208	1.3%	75	1.2%	0	0.0%
Passed Stop Sign	192	1.2%	97	1.6%	1	1.4%
Improper Backing	157	1.0%	12	0.2%	1	1.4%
Driving Under the Influence	146	0.9%	96	1.6%	1	1.4%
Fatigued	98	0.6%	53	0.9%	4	5.7%
Brakes Defective	74	0.5%	28	0.5%	0	0.0%
Had Been Drinking	67	0.4%	31	0.5%	3	4.3%
Tires Defective	64	0.4%	25	0.4%	0	0.0%
Other Defective Condition	60	0.4%	23	0.4%	1	1.4%
Improper Parking	46	0.3%	12	0.2%	0	0.0%
Windshield Not Clear	42	0.3%	16	0.3%	0	0.0%
Failed to Signal	36	0.2%	10	0.2%	0	0.0%
Wrong Side of Road	31	0.2%	16	0.3%	1	1.4%
Under the Influence of Drugs	30	0.2%	20	0.3%	1	1.4%
Headlights Insufficient or Out	29	0.2%	18	0.3%	0	0.0%
Non-collision Fire	28	0.2%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ill	24	0.2%	14	0.2%	0	0.0%
Stolen	22	0.1%	9	0.1%	1	1.4%
Steering Mechanism Defective	17	0.1%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%
Vehicle Rolling in Traffic Lane	14	0.1%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
Headlights Glaring	9	0.1%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%
Cargo Loss or Shift	8	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Towed Vehicle	8	0.1%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Explosion or Fire	8	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Lights or Reflecting/Defective	7	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Eyesight Defective Uncorrected	7	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Immersion	5	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Separation of Units	5	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Jackknife	4	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Down Hill Runaway	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wrong Way on One Way Street	3	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Collision Fire	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	15,802	100.0%	6,091	100.0%	70	100.0%

Teenage Driver Crash Characteristics

Over half of the total teenage driver crashes (62.1%) and injury crashes (67.8%) were a rear-end collision or a broadside collision. For fatal teenage driver crashes, single vehicle rollovers and broadside collisions were the leading collision types. Single vehicle rollovers involving teenage drivers are dangerous; this collision type was 9 times more likely to result in at least one fatality than other collision types.

Table 6.08 Collision Description of Teenage Driver Total Crashes, Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes, Utah 2000

Collision Description	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Rear End	5,431	32.8%	2,050	32.7%	2	3.2%
Broadside	4,863	29.3%	2,199	35.1%	15	23.8%
Other	3,946	23.8%	910	14.5%	9	14.3%
Side Swipe	1,069	6.4%	254	4.1%	8	12.7%
Single Vehicle Rollover	788	4.8%	523	8.4%	19	30.2%
Pedestrian/Bicyclist Crash	223	1.3%	204	3.3%	6	9.5%
Single Vehicle Fixed Object	147	0.9%	57	0.9%	0	0.0%
Head-on	106	0.6%	66	1.1%	4	6.3%
Single Vehicle Other	5	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	16,578	100.0%	6,263	100.0%	63	100.0%

Teenage Driver Characteristics

Slightly more than half (53.7%) of teenage drivers involved in crashes were male. The majority of teenage drivers (91.0%) reported wearing a seatbelt.

Figure 6.05 Gender of Teenage Drivers Involved in Crashes, Utah 2000 (n=18,856)

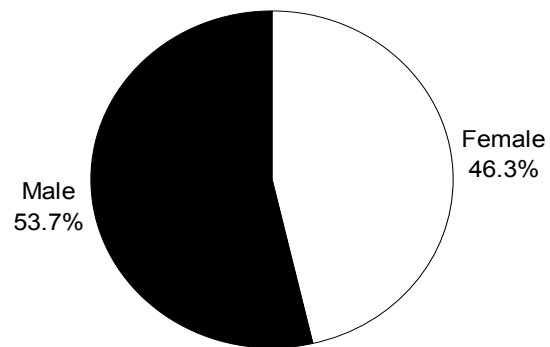
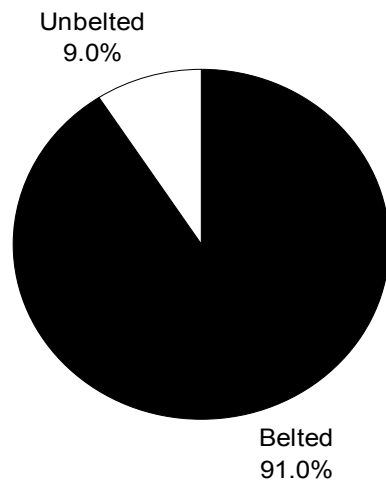


Figure 6.06 Seatbelt Use of Teenage Drivers Involved in Crashes, Utah 2000 (n=17,149)

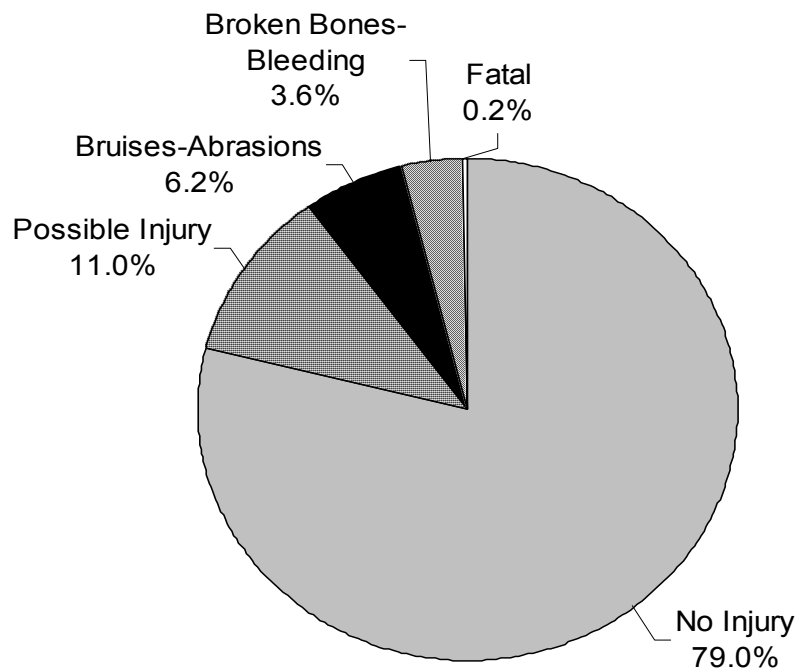


Note: Seatbelt use was not reported for motorcyclist and where usage was unknown (n=1,707).

Injury Severity of Occupants in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers

Figure 6.07 shows the injury severity of crash participants (including drivers) in a teenage driver's vehicle. The percentage of occupants who sustained an injury was 21.0% ,similar to 21.7% for all motor vehicle crash participants. The teenage driver occupants' fatality percentage (0.2%) was also similar to the fatality percentage of all motor vehicle crash participants (0.3%).

Figure 6.07 Injury Severity of Occupants (including drivers) in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers as Reported by Police, Utah 2000 (n=29,623)



Occupants in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers

Table 6.09 shows the number of occupants (including drivers) in a teenage drivers' vehicle by crash severity. In approximately two-thirds (63.8%) of total teenage driver crashes the driver was the only occupant in the vehicle. Crashes where the teenage driven vehicle contained 4 or more occupants were 5 times more likely to be fatal than crashes involving teenage driven vehicles with fewer occupants.

Figure 6.08 Number of Occupants (including drivers) in Teenage Drivers' Vehicle, Utah 2000

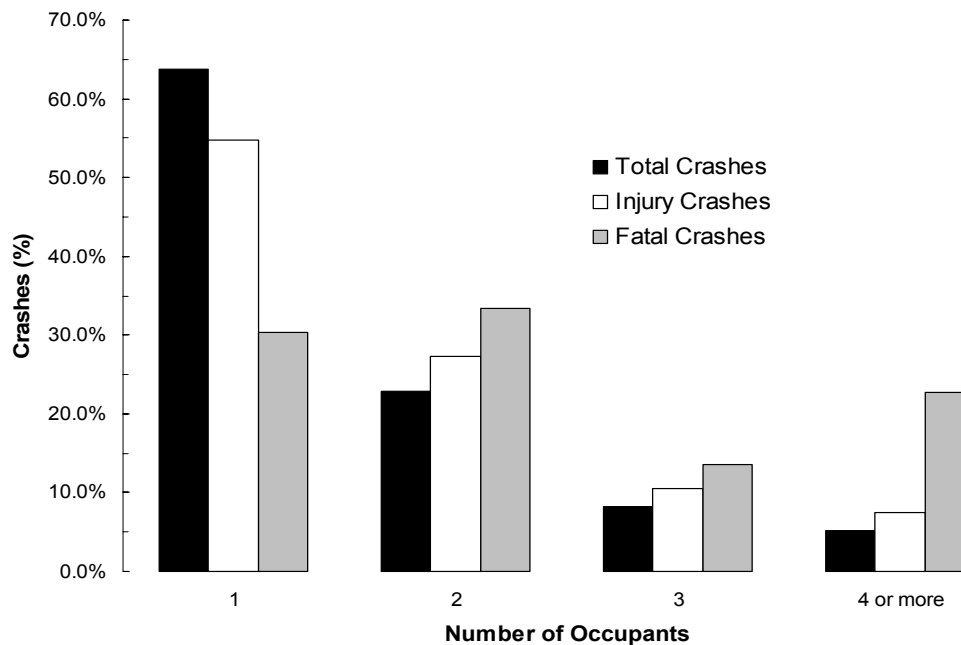


Table 6.09 Number of Occupants (including drivers) in Teenage Drivers' Vehicle, Utah 2000

Number of Occupant	Teenage Driver Total Crashes		Teenage Driver Injury Crashes		Teenage Driver Fatal Crashes	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
1	12,022	63.8%	3,901	54.7%	20	30.3%
2	4,302	22.8%	1,942	27.2%	22	33.3%
3	1,545	8.2%	752	10.5%	9	13.6%
4 or more	987	5.2%	534	7.5%	15	22.7%
Grand Total	18,856	100.0%	7,129	100.0%	66	100.0%

Note: There may be more than one teenage driver involved in a crash.

The age and gender of crash participants (including drivers) in the teenage drivers' vehicles are shown in Table 6.10. The percentage of males and females involved in each crash severity was similar. Not surprisingly, most occupants in teenage driver crashes were between the ages of 15 to 19 years.

Table 6.10 Age and Gender of Occupants (including drivers) in Vehicles of Teenage Drivers by Injury Severity, Utah 2000

Age	Teenage Driver Crash Participants				Teenage Driver Injured Persons				Teenage Driver Fatalities			
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
00 - 04	206	1.3%	187	1.4%	38	1.4%	26	0.8%	1	3.6%	1	3.8%
05 - 09	134	0.9%	144	1.0%	40	1.4%	40	1.2%	0	0.0%	1	3.8%
10 - 14	495	3.1%	549	4.0%	137	4.9%	165	4.9%	1	3.6%	2	7.7%
15 - 19	13,732	87.4%	12,101	87.4%	2,246	80.7%	2,883	85.5%	22	78.6%	18	69.2%
20 - 24	539	3.4%	280	2.0%	133	4.8%	96	2.8%	2	7.1%	1	3.8%
25 - 29	88	0.6%	44	0.3%	31	1.1%	19	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
30 - 34	44	0.3%	36	0.3%	19	0.7%	16	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
35 - 39	31	0.2%	67	0.5%	16	0.6%	22	0.7%	1	3.6%	1	3.8%
40 - 44	44	0.3%	89	0.6%	15	0.5%	24	0.7%	0	0.0%	2	7.7%
45 - 49	42	0.3%	61	0.4%	18	0.6%	15	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
50 - 54	29	0.2%	35	0.3%	12	0.4%	11	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
55 - 59	20	0.1%	15	0.1%	7	0.3%	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
60 - 64	11	0.1%	7	0.1%	5	0.2%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
65 - 69	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
70 - 74	7	0.0%	10	0.1%	4	0.1%	5	0.1%	1	3.6%	0	0.0%
75 - 79	4	0.0%	5	0.0%	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
80 - 84	1	0.0%	4	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
85 +	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Missing	286	1.8%	209	1.5%	59	2.1%	37	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	15,718	100.0%	13,849	100.0%	2,783	100.0%	3,372	100.0%	28	100.0%	26	100.0%

Note: There were persons involved in teenage driver crashes that did not have age and gender information recorded.

Alcohol and Other Drugs:

Of the 63 fatal teenage driver crashes, 14 involved a teenage driver impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

Graduated Licensing Law

In 1998 a graduated licensing law was enacted in Utah to address the concern of teenage driving and crashes. Graduated licensing regulations are in place for new drivers under the age of 18 years and not previously licensed in another state. First-time teenage drivers who apply for a drivers license in Utah must complete the following three steps to obtain a drivers license.

- ⇒ **Step 1.** Obtain an instruction permit, which allows driving with a certified driving instructor, complete a driver education course and pass a written exam.
- ⇒ **Step 2.** After reaching age 15 years 9 months, obtain a practice permit which requires driving with a parent, guardian, or licensed over-21-year-old spouse and complete 30 hours of behind-the-wheel driving (at least 10 hours after dark).
- ⇒ **Step 3.** Complete a driving test (or tests) and obtain a provisional (under 21 years) "D" (passenger vehicle), or "M" (passenger vehicle plus motorcycle) license. The provisional license shows "under 21" and has a distinctive color, and allows a lower threshold of points / citations before sanctioning compared to regular licenses.

Night Time Restrictions

Anyone under the age of 17 years may not drive from midnight to 5:00 a.m. except: 1) with an over-21-year-old licensed driver; 2) for employment, or going to or from employment; 3) going to or from a religious or a school activity; 4) in a supervised agricultural operation; or 5) in an emergency.

Passenger Restrictions

For the first six months of licensure, teenage drivers can only drive other teens if there is an over-21-year-old driver in the front seat of the vehicle. Teenage drivers can drive themselves or family members without this restriction.

Exceptions: Teenage drivers can drive teenage occupants to or from school, school activities, church activities, or agricultural work if he/she has a signed note from his/her legal guardian.

Seatbelt Restrictions

All occupants under the age of 19 years must be properly restrained in a motor vehicle. This is a primary law which means a person may be stopped by a law enforcement officer solely for that offense. If found in violation of this law, a person may be issued a citation and be subject to a fine of not more than \$45.